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SUBJECT: USN SHIPS ON THE GREAT LAKES

1. THE 1946 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CANADA WHICH INTERPRETS THE RUSH-BAGOT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW STATIONING OF NAVAL VESSELS ON THE GREAT LAKES FOR TRAINING PURPOSES (61 STAT. 4082; TIAS 1836; 6 BEVANS 426; 149 UNTS 3) PROVIDES "THAT THE STATIONING OF NAVAL VESSELS ON THE GREAT LAKES FOR TRAINING PURPOSES BY EITHER THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL BE REGARDED AS CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE RUSH-BAGOT AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT FULL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER, DISPOSITION, FUNCTIONS AND ARMAMENT OF SUCH VESSELS SHALL BE COMMUNICATED BY EACH GOVERNMENT TO THE OTHER IN ADVANCE OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF VESSELS TO SERVICE ON THE GREAT LAKES."

2. EMBASSY MAY DRAW AS NECESSARY ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.  
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MATION TO ACCOMPLISH NOTIFICATION CONCERNING THREE PATROL

GUNBOATS WHICH WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974. IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL ACTUALLY ARRIVE IN CHICAGO IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1974. THE SHIPS ARE THE USS ASHEVILLE (PG 84), USS CROCKETT (PG 88) AND USS MARATHON (PG 89). THEY HAVE BEEN HOMEPORTED IN GUAM AND ARE BEING REASSIGNED AS PART OF A FLEET REORGANIZATION UNDERTAKEN FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY. IN CHICAGO THE SHIPS ARE TO BE USED FOR TRAINING AND RECRUITING AND THEY WILL BE

PHASED INTO THE RESERVE FLEET. THE ASHEVILLE CLASS PATROL GUNBOAT IS 165 FEET LONG, GAS TURBINE POWERED AND CAPABLE OF A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 37.5 KT. THE CREW STRENGTH IS THREE OFFICERS AND TWENTY ONE ENLISTED MEN. ARMAMENT CONSISTS OF ONE SINGLE MOUNT THREE INCH GUN, ONE SINGLE MOUNT 40 MM GUN, AND TWO 50 CAL TWIN MACHINE GUNS. RUSH

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